

## MEN OF THREE LINKS

The Oddfellows of the City Celebrate the

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER

Seventy-Four Years Ago Yesterday It Was Instituted by Thomas Widley, Program of the Celebration.

It rained upon the just and the unjust. There is scriptural authority for this, notwithstanding the pessimistic joke about the unjust and the borrowed umbrella. Yesterday the rain descended alike upon the Oddfellows and the other fellow, but the Oddfellows were given the worst of it because he had to march in the wet.

Mark Twain's little boy defined climate as all the time, and weather as once in a while; but yesterday's weather displayed some striking climatic attributes. It was all the time, and almost spoiled the open air part of the Oddfellows' celebration.

Yesterday marked the seventy-fourth anniversary of the institution of the fraternity in America, and the eight lodges of the city made elaborate preparations to pay homage to the memory of Thomas Widley and to the great fellowship of Friendship, Love and Truth. Invitations were extended to many of the lodges of western Michigan, and it was expected that the city would be filled with the visiting brethren. But the weather department got in its drizzling work, and the rain spoiled a part of the celebration. Notwithstanding the downpour, however, there were about 800 visiting Oddfellows in the city. They came from Kalamazoo, Cadillac, Big Rapids, Allegan, Martin, Plainville, Sparta, Cedar Springs, Saranac, Ionia, and from a dozen other cities and villages.

Preparations for an elaborate parade had been made for the afternoon, but when the time came the rain was coming down in chunks. The parade was abandoned, and a large part of the procession went to Hartman's hall, where short addresses were made by Grand Sire C. T. Campbell of Toronto and Past Grand Master O. A. Jones of Hillsdale. About 3 o'clock the clouds lifted and it was decided to form the procession, although a large number of the Oddfellows were not present.

They Had a Parade. J. B. Chatterton was marshal of the day and he drew up his forces in Ionia street opposite the hall. There were about 500 men in line. The procession was headed by Wurzburg's band. The grand sire and the grand officers followed in carriages. Just as the procession started the clouds dropped and the rain poured down again.

The second division was in charge of William J. Steckle. Fox's band was at the head and Phoenix No. 12 escorted the guests from out of town. As most of the lodges were not present in a body, no attempt was made to keep the members separate, but 400 of the guests marched through the rain, making ineffectual attempts to dodge the drops or ward them off by means of umbrellas.

The local lodges constituted the third division. F. G. Spencer was marshal, and Thomas' band furnished the music. The following lodges were in line: Enterprise, No. 40; Grand Rapids, No. 11; South End, No. 250; Valley City, No. 257; Grand River, No. 40; and Imperial, No. 127.

The procession marched down Ionia street to Crescent avenue, then to Canal street, up Canal to Monroe, and back to Ionia street. It disbanded at the hall, most of the men in the line being thoroughly drenched. But they were good Oddfellows. They started to have a parade and they were bound to have it, even if they swam for it.

The men of three links then scattered about the hotels to await the evening's exercises in Hartman's hall. The boys of Enterprise lodge were sorely disappointed over the rain. They had a new \$150 banner of red, white and blue silk, trimmed with gold lace. They did not feel disposed to have it drenched the first day, and so it was left in the hall.

## PROGRAM OF THE EVENING.

C. T. Campbell, the Leading Oddfellow in the World, Spoke.

It rained last night and rained hard, but it did not prevent 12,000 persons from assembling in Hartman's hall to listen to the program of music and speeches for the Oddfellows' birthday celebration. The fact that Grand Sire C. T. Campbell of London, Ontario, the head of the Oddfellows in the world, was to make a speech, was enough to attract a large crowd. The hall was richly decorated and Wurzburg's band furnished the music.

Banners of the order were hung from the boxes and three links formed of marguerites occupied a place on the speaker's table. The stage was prettily decorated with palms, ferns and foliage plants. The audience was called to order by Joseph Dandy. The Rev. D. H. Reiter of Vicksburg offered a prayer and Mayor Stuart was introduced. He welcomed the visiting Oddfellows in a happy little speech, in which he said there was one thing that could always be counted on by the stranger who came to Grand Rapids. As soon as they had crossed our threshold they were strangers no longer. The position of mayor had its dark side as well as its bright. To welcome a class of people banded together for mutual benefit was one of the bright spots in the office of mayor. He complimented the members on the apparent prosperity of the order. He did not think so many would come out on such a night unless they were devoted to the cause.

Accepted the Welcome. O. A. Jones of Hillsdale responded. He extended the thanks of the order and of those who were visitors in Grand Rapids to the mayor for the welcome they had received. He said the mayor might not know all of the mysteries of

Oddfellowship, but he had good reasons to believe that the mayor would make a first-class Oddfellow. He had not time to tell all the good that Oddfellowship meant to mankind and all the good it had accomplished. He said the principle in the human heart which prompted men to unite with his fellow men, would, if left to itself, eventually unite the whole world into a solid brotherhood. The object of Oddfellowship was to lay the ax at the very root of the tree of selfishness. It taught that charity which did not simply consist of almsgiving. It taught that charity which consisted of brotherly love, which would stroke the fevered brow or smooth the pillow of the sick, and when life was extinct it taught that charity which prompted the man to follow with bowed head and feelings of real sorrow the remains of his brother to the grave. He spoke of the watchwords of the order: Friendship, Love and Truth. He said they were the greatest of principles and, if lived up to, would make the world a veritable paradise.

Mr. Campbell's Address. The chairman introduced Grand Sire Campbell, the leader of Oddfellowship in the world. He said he had often transacted business with the officers of Michigan Oddfellowship, but this was the first time he had been brought into close relationship with the rank and file of the order in the state. While he was in a strange land, under a flag that was not his own, he found the grasp of the hand as warm as in his own land. He could look around him and see his brothers and sisters; brothers and sisters in the highest sense. They had met in Grand Rapids as Oddfellows were meeting all over the world to celebrate the seventy-fourth birthday of Oddfellowship. He was here to speak to those assembled because, by a chain of circumstances, he had been placed at the head of the order in the world, and occupying an official position, perhaps he would be able to tell them something new about the order. He said the objects of the order were to cultivate the social side of man's nature; to teach man that it is his duty to put his shoulder under the burden of his fellow man. The order was not an insurance organization. Yet each member was entitled to a certain amount of aid when he was sick. It was not a religious organization. It interfered with no man's religion. It did not ask a man to give up his work in the church.

A Humble Beginning. It was organized first by a little body of English mechanics, who saw the need of mutual helpfulness. From the little beginning had grown the greatest society in the world under one executive head. It had made the members better brothers, better sisters, better fathers, better mothers. The order had more to do with the advancement of civilization than was generally supposed. It was one of the great powers which was causing the old time sectarianism to break down. It was bringing members of different sects closer together, to become bound closer in brotherly love. It was his desire that there should be no dross in the Michigan hive, and that all Michigan Oddfellows should follow the good doctrines of the order until all mankind were brought into the fold of the noble order. Dr. W. H. Rose sang a tenor solo, and the Rev. D. H. Reiter was introduced. He read from manuscript an address of some length, in which he dealt with the subject of brotherly love and charity in more general terms than the other speakers. Miss Ada Hanna and Dr. Rose sang a duet, Prof. E. E. Fryer gave a recitation, and Dr. Rose closed the program with a vocal solo.

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James Jones, Jr. to James Lawrence, pt s w 1/4 sec 24, Vergennes, 200  
Lewis C. Woodman to Mary A. Williams, pt s w 1/4 sec 8, Walker, 600  
Michael O'Brien to Richard Murphy, s 1/4 sec 14 n 1/4 sec 35, Lowell, 500  
William G. Allen to Charles H. Gilbert, s w 1/4 sec 24, Byron, 2,500  
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Jan De Vries and Gertrude Kortzen, 45-45  
Joseph Bastien, Allegan county, and Emma D. Williams of Byron, 27-18  
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